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Shepherd today, as in biblical times, maintains watchful care over his flock.

Flock needs shepherd's care

How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? (Matt. 18:12.)

The shepherd of biblical times was greatly recognized and respected.

A true shepherd — as opposed to a man merely hired to tend the flock — knew, and often named, each sheep, and the sheep knew his voice and followed him.

When a sheep strayed, the shepherd went to great lengths to seek it out and, upon finding it, rejoiced.

"Jesus used this common illustration of His day to declare that He was the Good Shepherd, the True Shepherd," said President

Ezra Taft Benson in an April 1983 general conference address, which he based on Matt. 18:12.

"Because of His love for His brothers and sisters, He would willingly and voluntarily lay down His life for them," said President Benson.

"We realize, as in times past, some of the sheep will rebel and are 'as a wild flock which fleeth from the shepherd.' (Mosiah 8:21.)

"With a shepherd's care, any of our new members, those newly born into the gospel, would be nurtured by gospel knowledge and new standards. Such attention would ensure that there would be no returning to old habits and old friends.

"With a shepherd's loving care, many of our young people, our young lambs, would not be wan-

dering. And if they were, the crook of the shepherd's staff, a loving arm, would retrieve them," President Benson said.

Elder David B. Haight of the Council of the Twelve used the analogy of the shepherd in his October 1981 general conference address:

"Souls are committed to the care of the Church — to watch over and keep them in the right way, to remember their names and nourish them. (See Moroni 6:4.)

"Those that stray need a friend — but they need one who knows the Shepherd," Elder Haight said. "Seldom do people cease coming to Church because of doctrine; they are waiting for a show of genuine love and friendly fellowship to heal their hurts or doubts."

Missionaries trained

HONG KONG — More than 176 missionaries in the Hong Kong Mission gathered for training seminars during a recent Chinese holiday. After seminars on health and nutrition, Chinese culture and goal setting, the missionaries were addressed by Elder George I. Cannon of the First Quorum of the Seventy and counselor in the Asia Area presidency.

Europe Area

Scouts prepared — to camp

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone of the First Quorum of the Seventy and general president of the Young Men will attend eight Scout encampments for LDS Scouts in Europe this August. He will attend camps marking the 150th anniversary of the Church in the British Isles at Preston, England, on Aug. 9, and Manchester, England, Aug. 12. From there, he also will participate in LDS Scout camps in Oslo, Norway, Aug. 13; Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 14; Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 15; Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug.

Pacific Area

Teachers travel 200 miles

ELIZABETH, AUSTRALIA — When Cheryl Lindner and Jenny Mahoney go home teaching in the Elizabeth Ward, Modbury Australia Stake, in South Australia, it is an event. The pair travels almost 200 miles during the nine-hour marathon to reach six sisters. The Elizabeth Ward boundary extends 100 miles to the northwest almost to Port Pirie, and 100 miles south to Barossa Valley.

Mexico/Central America Area

Boxer knows how to give

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA — The saying, "It is more important to give than to receive," has dual meaning for Kermit Lopez, one of Costa Rica's top boxers and a member of the San Jose 1st Ward. When he is not in the ring, he is sharing Church's health code among other boxers. Lopez, who started boxing in 1982, has taken part in the national sports finals in 1985 and 1987. "Even though I have never been champion in my class, this sport has permitted me to make many friends as a member of the Church," he said.

Fred Lopez and ...
dressed the youths.

North America Northeast Area

Bus cards focus on family

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Bus cards that encourage "Caring and Sharing" and "Take Time for Your Marriage" have been placed in about 250 buses of the Indianapolis Indiana Metro Transit System by public communication directors Sue Pierce of the Cumberland Ward and C. Lowell Hedrick of the Indianapolis Region. Also, the Church's cassette tapes against public lotteries were sent to state senators and representatives as the state considers a state lottery.

North America Northwest Area

Day of Prayer hosted

100 MILE HOUSE, BRITISH COLUMBIA — Members of the 100 Mile House Branch of the Canada Vancouver Mission hosted the World Day of Prayer for more than 50 people of six denominations. Branch members provided music and refreshments. The Prayer Day was also observed by the Pass Branch in Ft. Macleod Alberta Stake at an observance attended by more than 100 from six denominations.

CPR training a big success

VANCOUVER, WASH. — Between 600 and 700 people took part in a CPR Saturday at a local high school here recently. The event, sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter, utilized the skills of many LDS volunteers, including those of Bobbie Jones, CPR coordinator and a member of the 7th Ward, Vancouver Washington West Stake. Four other members also taught key sections of the training. Members of the Vancouver 3rd Ward Relief Society typed, provided lunches, and even disinfected the mannequins upon which mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was demonstrated.

North America Southeast Area

Missionaries teach youths

ATLANTA, GA.

Two missionaries in the Georgia Atlanta Mission recently shared their message with youths 12 to 15